

## APPLICATION FOR INITIATIVE OR REFERENDUM PETITION SERIAL NUMBER

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**SUMMARY:** A description of no more than one hundred words of the principal provisions of the proposed law, constitutional amendment or measure that will appear in no less than eight point type on the face of each petition signature sheet to be circulated.

WE THE PEOPLE of Arizona demand a maximum level of competence, extreme honesty, unyielding integrity and respect for the law from those whom are licensed to practice law. The State Bar of Arizona, under the guidance of the Supreme Court of Arizona has failed miserably to provide that level of professionalism. Therefore, we establish this law to grant the authority to license lawyers back to the State Legislature.

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AN INITIATIVE MEASURE

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PROPOSING AN AMENDMENT TO TITLE 32, ARIZONA REVISED STATUTES BY ADDING  
CHAPTER 43: RELATING TO PROFESSIONS AND OCCUPATIONS

TEXT OF PROPOSED MEASURE

Be it enacted by the People of the State of Arizona:

Sec. 1 POPULAR TITLE

This measure shall be known as the Lawyer Licensing Act.

PREFACE

- A. This measure shall not be inconsistent with 17A Arizona Revised Statutes, Supreme Court of Arizona, V. Regulation of the Practice of Law, Rules 31 through 42.
- B. The Rules of the Supreme Court apply to its members and are not laws for the public.
- C. The Supreme Court through its Certifications and Admission to the State Bar Committees does not hold the authority to issue valid license to practice law. The state legislature maintains that authority within Title 32, Chapter 43 of the A.R.S.
- D. *Arizona Court of Appeals, in the case of Bridgroom v. State Bar (App1976) 27 Ariz. App. 47, 550 P.2d 1089, held that the State Bar Act of 1933, § 32-201 et seq., had no viability, that the designation of the State Bar of Arizona as a public corporation had no legal efficacy, and that the Supreme Court of Arizona has inherent power to integrate the Bar of the State of Arizona.*
- E. State Bar Act of 1933 was sunsetted in 1985.
- F. RSC 32, having expired December, 2005, will when revised will not be inconsistent with this amendment.

Sec. 2 DECLARATION OF PURPOSE

WHEREAS, according to the figures presently posted on the website of the State Bar, Arizona's lawyer population of around 13,000, had an estimated 4,866 complaints filed against its members during 2006. Less than 3.5%, or 146 cases were processed for adjudication by the Disciplinary Committee of the State Bar. The disposition of the remaining 4,720 complaints are unaccounted for and are yet unresolved. Complaints made by telephone or email, have been summarily disposed of without any action whatever. One can only speculate, but some employees of the Supreme Court have indicated the number of telephone complaints made to the State Bar would easily add another fifty complaints per day, or 13000 per year. Most complaining victims of lawyers are frustrated by the State Bar's impossible, unintelligible and confusing procedures for filing a formal complaint. So they simply do nothing.

The total number of lawyer complaints would rise to a grand total of 17,866 per year. But less than 1% have qualified to have a hearing before the Disciplinary Committee since the Judiciary took control of lawyer misconduct in 1985.

*It is estimated that there is a minimum of more than 400,000 complaints against lawyers yet unresolved and outstanding since the new State Bar assumed responsibility.*

*A mass class action lawsuit in Federal Court may be the only remedy for the problem.*

Unlike criminal records or credit files, State Bar records of disciplinary actions against lawyers are purged every three years leaving those charged free to renew their method of operation, leaving no record of past violations.

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WHEREAS, it is estimated that the major complaint against Arizona's practicing lawyers is *they betray their own clients.*"

THEREFORE, WE THE PEOPLE of Arizona, having the Constitutional right to use our courts; pay heavily to maintain our law schools; maintain personnel and facilities to operate our courts, have a right to expect fair and honest service from those that are licensed to practice law in our courts. What good is a constitutional right to use the courts if licensed lawyers are nothing more than an organized disorganization of criminals.

A. Every person certified and found fit, and is admitted to practice law by the Supreme Court shall present themselves to the state Registrar of Lawyer Licensing. The license will expire in twelve months (12) and must be renewed on the anniversary date.

B. The State's new Registrar of Lawyer Licensing shall resolve each and every outstanding complaint against a lawyer to the satisfaction of the complainant prior to renewing a license to practice law.\*

C. For the past 20 years complaints against lawyers have been considered from an ethical viewpoint rather than from a criminal statutory viewpoint. Hereafter, all complaints against lawyers will first be considered for statutory criminal misconduct and then for ethical judgment.

\*The cost for investigating and holding hearings on outstanding complaints will be bourn by the respondent and the State Bar.

A. DEFINITIONS

All definitions contained in 17A A.R.S. Sup. Ct. Rules, V. REGULATION OF THE PRACTICE OF LAW, Rules 31 through 42 are incorporated by reference and made a part of this Act.

B. The budget of the Supreme Court shall be reduced by the amount needed to achieve the objectives of this measure, and reassigned to the new Registrar of Lawyer Licensing, which shall be established by a joint committee of the State Senate and State House of Representatives. Any additional funds that may be required will be met by an increase in annual licensing fees.

C. The Secretary of State shall present this measure to the Governor for signature when the voters have approved it.